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- From 8 to 11 June 1951 approximately 8,000 troops moved to Nanning from the Chienhsien (108-20, 21-56) (sic) -Hsiatung (小董) -Shangssu (108-03, 22-11) area where they were engaged in the suppression of guerrillas in the Shihwantashan (108- , 22-) and around Lingshan (灵山) and Yungshun (永淳).¹ Ninety percent of the troops were natives of Honan, Shansi and Hopeh.
- On 4 June the Kwangsi Military District Command (KMDC) ordered the requisitioning of about 180 boats and 20 trucks in the Yungchiang area, Nanning.²
- Headquarters of the 44 Army was in Canton. The 124 and 137 Divisions of the 44 Army³ were centered in Huichou and Tungkuan respectively. The 124 Division was near Chengk'ai (镇赉); its well-equipped, seasoned troops were natives of southeast China. There were 7,000 men of the 124 Division deployed in the Huichou-Haifeng-Lufeng area. The 137 Division, under LIAO Chih-te (廖智德),⁴ was comparatively inferior; over half of the men were former Nationalist troops, mostly natives of Shansi, Hopeh and Honan. They were mainly armed with Japanese, American and 7.9 mm rifles.
- Four thousand men of the 132 Division, 18 Army,⁵ were assigned along the Canton-Kowloon railroad. Three regiments, totaling 6,000, of the Tungchiang Military Administrative Branch Command (sic) and 3,000 local militia-men were stationed in the Tungkuan (113-46, 23-02) -Polo (114-17, 23-09) area.
- Total troops in the East River area were estimated to be 20,000.

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- Comment. The Kwangsi Military District Command announced the killing of 34,000 guerrillas and the capturing of 31,000 rifles in May. The figure is exaggerated, but it is true that the guerrillas in the Shihwantashan area suffered considerable losses.

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- Comment. Possibly to transport troops from Nanning to Kwangtung.

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- 25X1A 3. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Comment. According to information available ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ the 124 Division is subordinate to the 42 Army and the 137 Division to the 46 Army; the 44 Army comprises the 130, 131 and 132 Divisions. The 137 Division was reported to be moving to Nengyang in early June.
- 25X1A 4. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Comment. According to information available ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ 25X1A MSIAO Ch'uan-fu commands the 137 Division.
- 25X1A 5. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Comment. According to available information, the 132 Division is subordinate to the 44 Army; the 18 Army comprises the 52, 53 and 54 Divisions.

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